

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. ANDY DAVID, OUTGOING CONSUL GENERAL OF THE ISRAELI CONSULATE TO THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

**HON. DORIS O. MATSUI**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Andy David, the Israeli Consul General to the Pacific Northwest. As 2017 marks the end of Dr. David's tenure in California, I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring him for his leadership and commitment in the community to building bridges between the United States and his home country of Israel.

Dr. David stepped into the position of Consul General in 2012, following a history of distinguished Israeli diplomatic appointments that began in 1995. Throughout his half decade of service, he has helped strengthen ties between the West Coast and our allies in Israel. Dr. David has worked passionately to build the relationship between the University of California system and educational institutions in Israel, and his efforts have also resulted in new and fruitful partnerships between Silicon Valley companies and Israel's high-tech industry in Tel Aviv.

In addition to improving cooperation on the international stage, Dr. David has become a pillar of the community in his adoptive home of San Francisco. A prominent advocate for the Bay Area Jewish community, Dr. David will be missed by his friends here when he returns home this month.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Andy David, Israeli Consul General to the Pacific Northwest, as he celebrates his return to Israel. I ask all my colleagues to join me in honoring his efforts to strengthen the relationship between our two great countries.

KAYLA MOORE

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Kayla Moore for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Kayla Moore is a student at Arvada High School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Kayla Moore is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Kayla Moore for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. JAMES A. HIMES**

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, on July 12, 2017, I was unable to be present to cast my vote on Amendment No. 5, offered by Mr. DESAULNIER of California, to the Gaining Responsibility on Water Act of 2017 (H.R. 23). Had I been present for roll call No. 350, I would have voted AYE.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FRANK BARTLETT

**HON. CHARLIE CRIST**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. CRIST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and accomplishments of one of the greatest of our generation, World War II veteran Frank Bartlett, who left us last week at the ripe old age of 104.

Serving as a surgical technician for the Ninth Infantry Division, Frank was a hero, awarded six bronze stars, one silver star, and an American Defense Service Medal for his dedication to saving lives on the battlefield.

During World War II, Frank served in the European theater, providing life-saving medical care to his fellow servicemen in North Africa, Sicily, France, Belgium, and Germany. As a surgical technician, Frank followed his brothers into battle, serving at their side so they might withstand the attacks of the enemy. On D-Day, Frank was one of the only surviving medics of the Battle of Normandy, risking his life to aid his fallen brothers in the face of incredible peril. His efforts went above and beyond—Frank would often offer his own blood for a patient's blood transfusion in times of need. A talented and tireless surgeon, Mr. Bartlett's courage and humility earned him the respect and gratitude of his commanding officers and his fellow soldiers.

Before joining the Army, Frank worked as a hair stylist in New York, a profession he returned to after completing his military service. Following his move to Pinellas County, Florida, Mr. Bartlett channeled his talent as an artist into opening his own kite shop, sharing the fruits of his creativity with the community he loved. Even after being declared legally blind, Frank's tenacious spirit drove him forward, running his small business, and hiking the mountains of Peru.

Mr. Speaker, at the incredible age of 104 years, Frank Bartlett passed away on July 8, 2017. He will be honored and laid to rest at Bay Pines National Cemetery. Supported by his loving friends, Frank lived out his final days in peace. Please join me in offering the deepest gratitude to Frank for his service to our country, his commitment to his brothers-in-arms, and his ceaseless dedication to his friends and community.

LILLIAN NORRIS

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Lillian Norris for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award.

Lillian Norris is a student at Arvada K-8 School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Lillian Norris is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Lillian Norris for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

HONORING DALE HEMPHILL, FOUNDER OF THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA FOUNDATION

**HON. JACKIE WALORSKI**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 13, 2017*

Mrs. WALORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Dale Hemphill, a U.S. Navy veteran from Mishawaka, Indiana, on creating the Spirit of America Foundation and designing the Spirit of America flag to promote patriotism and appreciation for our nation's veterans.

The Spirit of America Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2001 that works to identify and prioritize veterans' health issues, create a network among other veterans service organizations, coordinate fundraising, establish support groups, and provide information and educational resources. The Spirit of America flag Dale created symbolizes the mission of the foundation and serves as a powerful tribute to the brave men and women who have sacrificed so much for our country.

Dale served in the U.S. Navy for six years and embodies the values of a true patriot. He designed the Spirit of America flag with great attention to detail: each aspect of the flag serves to commemorate what our veterans have done to preserve our freedom in a special way. For example, the color red on the banner symbolizes bloodshed, and the color blue represents valor and bravery. Not only does the flag honor our veterans by listing every conflict Americans have served in, it also recognizes the civilians, firefighters, police officers, and paramedics who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

Dale has given his flag to people all over the world, including four American presidents, every Indiana senator, governor, and representative, and the last surviving American WWI veteran, Frank Buckles. Nicknamed "Old Glory's Companion," this patriotic flag flies over multiple U.S. military bases.